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REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 10/785,500 filed on February 23, 2004. Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. Claims 1-4, 9, 11-14, 16, 19 and 21-28 are rejected. Claims 5-8, 10, 15, 17, 18, 20, 29 and 30 are objected to.

Claim Objections

Applicants have amended the claims to address the objections.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 2, 3, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicants have amended the claims to address each of the rejections.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-4, 9, 11-14, 16, 19, 21-22, and 24-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yamagami (US Patent 7,065,589).

Applicants have amended Claim 1 directly and Claims 2-9 by dependence to include the limitations of Claim 10 which is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Accordingly, all of Claims 1-9 are amended into allowable form. Claim 10 is canceled as being otherwise redundant.

Applicants have amended Claim 11 directly and Claims 12-17 and 19 by dependence to include limitations of Claim 18 which is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Accordingly, all of Claims 11-17 and 19 are amended into allowable form. Claim 18 is canceled as being otherwise redundant.

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Applicants have amended Claim 26 to include limitations of Claim 28 which is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Accordingly, Claim 26 is amended into allowable form. Claims 27 and 28 are canceled as being otherwise redundant.

Applicants have amended Claims 21, 22, 24, 25. The amended claims distinguish over Yamagami (U.S. Patent No. 7,065,589) at least on the basis that Yamagami does not disclose embedded task attributes "wherein the task attributes are SCSI task attributes including Simple, Ordered, Head of Queue, and Auto Contingent Allegiance (ACA) task attributes."

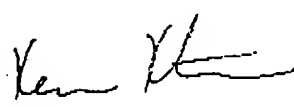
CONCLUSION

The application, including all remaining Claims 1-9, 11-17, 19-26, and 29-30, is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at (949) 251-0250.

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